

Board of Education
Benton, Wisconsin
April 11, 2018

Vice-President Lou Langkamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Library. Roll call: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Lou Langkamp-present, Bob Knight-present, Ryan Carver-Absent, Mick Vaughn-present

B.E.S.T. – None

Citizen Comments –None

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of the March 14, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the consent of agenda with one additional resignation added as 4, i. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report- Administrator Tom Andres reported on the income and expense report.

Athletic Director Report – A.D. Kyle Kern reported that the spring sports have begun. They are off to a slow start with weather related delays. Benton currently has three coaching opportunities available. Benton will be the host of a wrestling event at the end of the month.

Principal Report-Principal Lisa Lawrence reported the calendar changes have gone well. She wants to commend the elementary teachers. The High School dismissal time was extended and the elementary teachers have been very creative in spending the extra 10 minutes with their students. Principal Lawrence stressed that new security cameras are a necessity for the district. These are used every day and it is important to update the cameras. A grant has been submitted to help with the cost of that system. At this time there is no indication of how much will be received. Budget items for 2018-19 have been submitted from teaching staff and Principal Lawrence is currently working on curriculum needs. The Senior Class has decided to modify their class trip to a day trip due to the busy schedules of the class.

Superintendent Report-Administrator Andres would like to extend a “Thank you “to Myrna Sysko and Mary Mowry for their time spent cleaning up flower beds outside of the school. Emma Lawrence will be playing in the WBCA All-Star Game on June 15. On April 8, 2018 the NHS celebrated six new inductees. Board re-organization will take place at the May meeting. A new act will require all school districts to establish a formal School Safety Plan. Administrator Andres has been working closely with local law enforcement as well as maintenance staff to start the process. The act will also require training of employees on reporting school violence.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #32226-32282. Motion carried.

Mark Coffey and Angie Davis reviewed the “Oath of Office” and both agreed to the terms. Administrator Andres reported on the referendum. The vote totals were 254 “Yes” votes and 116 “No” votes. Statewide 83% of school referendum passed.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to approve the 66:03 agreement with Shullsburg for Jeff Droessler. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey so approve the CESA #3 Contract for \$42,684.19 for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Knight to approve the Special Education contract with Seneca. Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Knight to approve the hiring of Southwest Health Center athletic trainer services for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried.

Review of adding Rodeo as a lettering event for high school students. A.D. Kyle Kern presented three options for the process. Board requested two of the options be combined and discussed again at the May meeting.

Motion by Bob Knight, seconded by Davis to accept the resignations of John Klein-JV girls' basketball coach, Tim Hendricks-varsity girls' basketball coach, Gail Schuler-Speech Therapist, and Elias Cox-Title Tutor. Motion carried.

Projected enrollment numbers reviewed and discussed

Administrator Andres reported that he has requested that Traci Calvert, Bookkeeper have a preliminary budget available by the May board meeting.

Motion by Knight, seconded by O'Neill to adjourn to close session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 7:20 P.M. to discuss Personnel Compensation, Staff Salary/Health Plan Adjustment, Review of Preliminary Notices of Non-Renewal. Roll call: Angie Davis-yes, Lou Langkamp-yes, Mark Coffey-yes, Bob Knight-yes, Jean O'Neill-yes, Ryan Carver-absent, Mick Vaughn-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to reconvene in open session at 7:58 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to approve WEA Health Insurance Proposal at 6.5% increase for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to approve staff salary increase of 2.62% for 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded Davis by to approve preliminary notice of non-renewal of a high school instructor. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded Vaughn by to approve preliminary notice of non-renewal of an elementary teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded Coffey by to approve preliminary notice of non-renewal to an elementary teacher. Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to adjourn at 8:03 P.M.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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